Government made the selection from the panel selected by the Boards.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know why these candidates were not interviewed by the committee?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: There was practically no time for it.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: I do not understand.

PRESIDENT: Certain time limit was fixed by the Government of India before the names should be sent to them. There were only two weeks or so.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether there was any rule regarding the maximum age?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: What was it?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Those who were not in Government Service were elegible for selection if they were not above 30 years. Those who were in Government Service should be below 34. Two candidates above 34 were selected on the special recommendation of the committee because of their special experience and qualifications.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Were they in Government Service?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether anybody above 30 years of age who were not in Government service was selected?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No.

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362. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that during certain months of the year the river water near the Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd., is saline;

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the effect of the same on the working of the company; and

(*c*) whether any steps have been taken to get over this difficulty and if so, what?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Company is aware of this circumstance and will take the necessary precautions.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the question of the saline nature of the water was taken into consideration before the selection of the locality for establishing the factory was made?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, the fact was known even before the selection and it was also known that that defect could be rectified.

Leave to Government servants.

363. ***MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR** (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether acting hands in Government service are entitled to any leave except extraordinary leave;

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